The Fastest Train in England. The trains of Great Britain run, in the eatimation of the British public, far more swiftly than those of any other nation; but, at the same time, there is a general vaguenous with regard to their actual rate of motion that has a great effect in exaggerating the reports of their speed. Every one naturally claims that the train by which he limself inequantly travels is the first in point of speed. The tourist or the spertaman rushing down to Scotland believes in the "Flying Scotchman," the great ten o'clock morning train from King's Cross, which runs into Lincolnshire without a stop, and after allowing thirty minutes at York for which runs into Lincolnshire without a stop, and after allowing thirty minutes at York for a hasty midday need, reaches Edinburgh at seven oclock, in time for a substantial dinner at the Northern capital. Another candidate for the honors of speed is the "Plying Intichman," of Bristol and Exeter celebrity. It is a broad-guage train and there is a very prevalent idea that, no matter how great the speed of other lines may she, the great width that Brunel introduced enables a higher velocity to be obtained on the Great Western than anywhere else. A third competitor, with many where else. A third competitor, with many partisans is the "Wild Irishman," carrying the Holyhead mail, not only for Ireland but for America, and, via San Francisco, for Ho-nolalu and New Zealand. They aguest ideas, as already said, prevail as to the running speed of these trains. The speed of the Flying Scotchman is generally assumed to be fifty miles un hour; the Wild Irishman is credited with the same rate; but the friends of the Flying Dutchman maintain that the run from Lon-den to Bristol averages sixty, and that it is fa don to Brisiot averages sixty, and that it is far ahead of all its rivals in regard to speed. Among such diversities of opinion, it might be interesting to give a few particulars of these champion trains. The particulars of these champion trains. The particulars of the Wild Irishman will be disappointed when they hear that, whatever may be the result of the negotiations now pending, or that may have been completed between the London and Northwestern Company and the Postoffice, the "Irish Mail" cannot even be named in the competition The quickest of the four trains known by this The quickest of the four trains known by this mame—and it may be noticed that it stops more freepently than its three namesakes—averages 10.6 miles an hour; so though, by the help of the steamer, the route to Dublin is the quickest sea and land journey in the world, still, as as a train, the Wild Irishman is inferior to other trains of the London and Northwestern to other trains of the London and Northwestern Company, which does not pretend to run the quickest train in England. "Bradshaw" is so perplexing a study to many respons that, in order to save further trouble, it may be well to admit that the struggle for the first place is speed lies between two well known trains, the Flying Dutchman of the Great Western and the Flying Scotchman of the Great Northern, and the competition between them is extremely keen.

The Flying Dutchman is a broad gauge train, leaving Paddington Station at 11.45 mid-day, and it runs as far as Swindon without a stoppage. It is the custom for all Great West-ern trains to come to a balt at this station, and

day, and it fells as the custom for all Great Westorn trains to come to a balt at this station, and
the Dutchman stops for ten minutes, devoted
to refreshments, after which it resumes its
course; and, after a momentary stay at Bath,
it reaches Bristel at 2.21, after a run of 116 a
miles. Notwithstanding the insportance of the
city of the Avon, only five minutes for rest are
allowed, and at 2.26 the Dutchman has resumed
his wild career, and is rashing at full speed
for Taunton, where there is a pause, handly a
stoppage, and at four o'clock in the afternoon
the train rolls into Excter—193 a miles from
London. The speed, not allowing for stoppages, must have been 15.6 miles per hour.

The other train where claims have to be examined is the Flying Scotchman. This is a
narrow guage train leaving King a Gross London, at 10 a. m., en route for Scotland. Its
first start is impressive, for it opens with the
longest run without a puase in England, and
probably in the world, in the shape of a run to
Grantham in Lincolnshire, a distance of 15
miles. Six minutes are graciously allowed for
breathing time, and then the Scotchman takes
wing for York. The speed is as high as ever;
and at the end of 189 miles—completed in five
minutes less than four hours—the train enters
the handsomest station in England, that of the
Northeastern Company at York. Even the
Flying Scotchman must, like the Flying Dutchman, stop for refreshments; but, as the distance
covered is greater, the pause is longer. Half
an hour is allowed the passengers at York, and
at twenty-five miles to Newcastle is followed by
a stoppage there for five minutes; and another
panse of the same duration at the eld border
town of Berwick on-Tweed forms the last halt
before, at seven o'clock in the evening, the
Scotchman runs into the Waverly Station; Edingburgh.

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ingburgh.

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